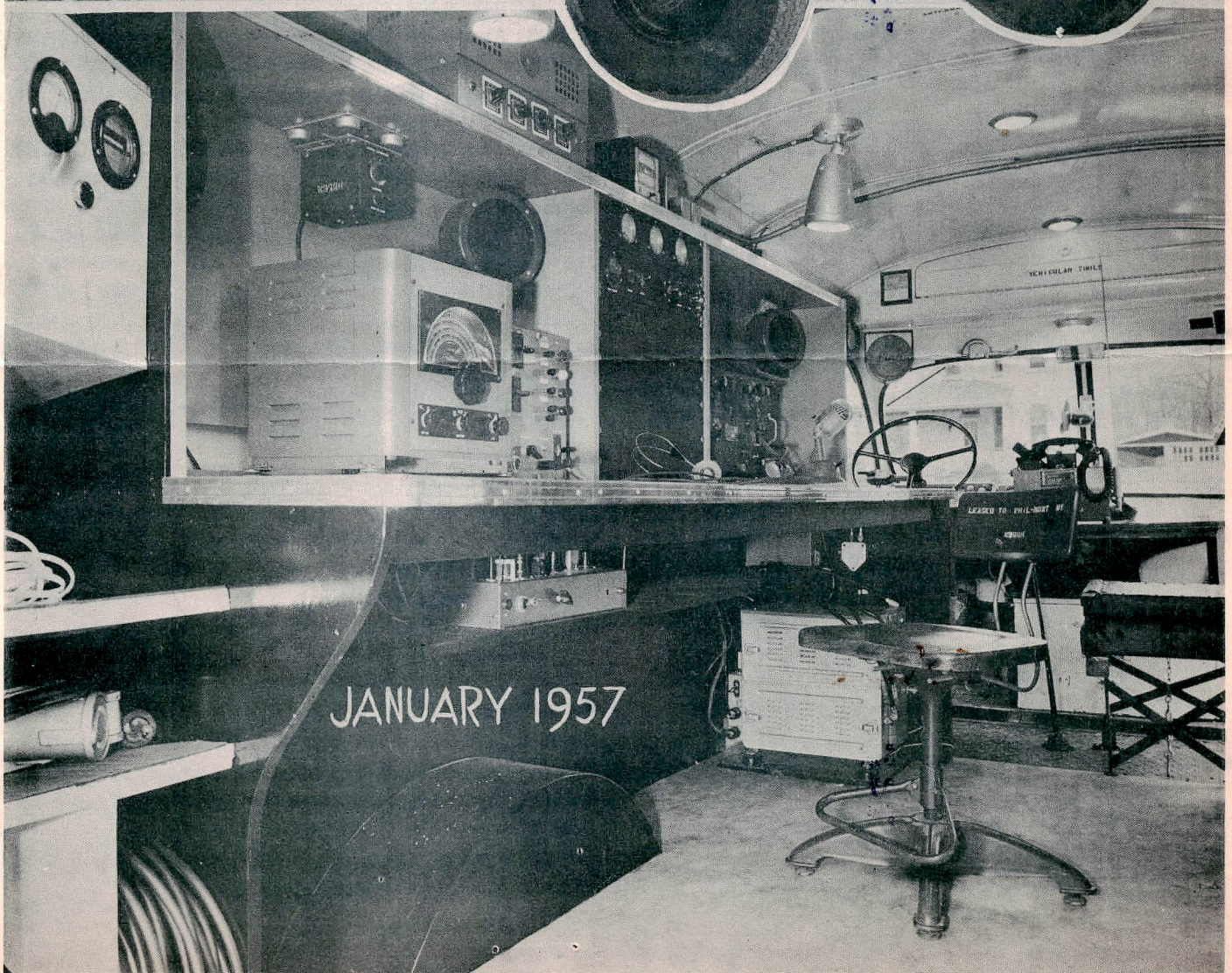
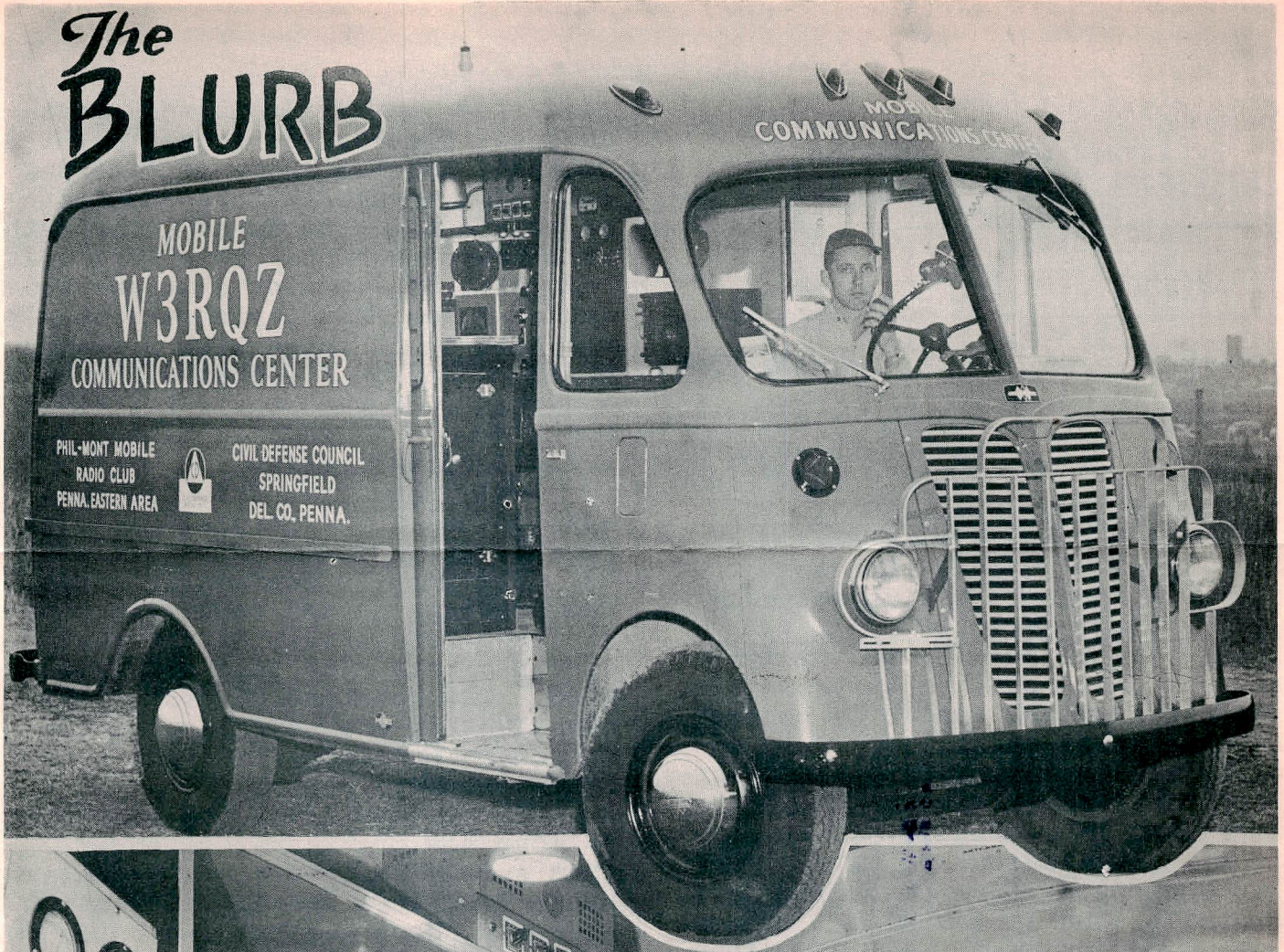


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CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1957

PRES.	Russell C. Hamilton	W3UWL
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SCTY.	John Muroff	W3SAI
TREAS.	Ernest Juliani	W3DSG

MEETINGS

First MON. of the month @ Town Hall
Germantown & Haines, Phila. 8:00 P.M.

NET FREQUENCIES

CH 1 - 29493 Kc. CH 3 - 27000 Kc.
CH 2 - 29626 Kc. CH 4 - 50.7 Mc.
29493 is monitored 0830-1100 daily for
the benefit of mobiles in Phila. area.

NETS

Scrambled-Eggs Net, Weekdays, 0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney Sessions Anytime, all on CH 1...

From the President.

Well, the smoke finally settled, the chairs were pushed back in their places, ash trays were emptied, and the aroma of fine six cent cigars was all that was left in that quiet room as an afterbirth to a new president. Some left this room with feelings of elation and satisfaction, and there were those who took their leave with a twinge of apprehension for what might be a hectic year with their favorite radio club. It is this latter group I would reassure.

All present at this historic session heard the phrase, "Philmont First", and Philmont First it will be. You will be hearing this over and over again, and some will have it flung before them as the reminder that this club is a selfless club. The keystone of its' greatness lies in its' everlasting co-operation and unselfish spirit of PMRCs' hundred members.

To you who doubt the sincerity of your new president, remember that surely the sword of Democules hangs from it's gossamer thread squarely above his balding pate, for this you should know; I had hardly risen from my chair when I felt the keen point of UQVs' dagger pressed against my toga. "If you don't do a good job, I'll lift your ticket", he muttered with a voice of sheer ice. This was the same voice I had heard four years ago when I froze up solid on the Novice CW test. The same voice that intoned the sad news on the third try for General Class code. This guy can really do it--need I say more?

During my coming term there are several things that I sincerely hope will come to pass. Foremost in keeping with the Philmont First slogan is the tedious job of welding the club into as clean a working unit as possible, particularly on 29493 Kc. Band conditions promise to be at an alltime high on ten this year, and our stations will be heard 'round the world. It is a matter of your own concern what your operating habits are on other frequencies, but your conduct and operating procedure on the club frequencies is a matter that should concern us all.

this in mind, I am going to push a new committee which will be known as the "Channel One Committee". The function of this group will be to monitor, measure, and advise. Monitor the operating habits, proper use of call signs, unidentified carriers, and other irregularities. Measure modulation percentages, and deviation from mean frequency. Advise offending stations and suggest remedies.

How often do you hear something like this?

"Hey Percy" (out of the blue, no call letters)

"Yeah" (also out of the blue)

"You gonna bring that grid dipper over?" (Still out of the blue)

"Yeah Mergitroid, I'll see ya at seven". (?)

Now I ask you, what does an FCC inspector, maybe on the West Coast, think of that?

I have a good friend whose initials are VSU who pushes modulation like he was calling hogs at a county fair; another who uses initials VXN and sports a hum level like a fog horn; and one known as IRS that is never closer to frequency than eight thousand cycles. I have dozens of friends who fall into that "Hey Percy" category, and methinks of a few times I went in this deep water myself. Let's remember that clean signals and clean operating procedure will mark us around the country as a gang that is on the ball.

Are you sorry you let me in the drivers' seat? No? Well I have a few more items (how's your mobile log?) to bring up at a future writing, that you will find real spicy reading (How's your mobile log?). We are going to discuss the problem of getting a kw signal out of a thirty watt rig. The problem of (your-mobile-log) keeping your battery well fed at zero degrees. The problem of your-mobile-log staying on the air while your wife wants to go to a movie with you. The problem of your-mobile-log? I keep hearing a small voice saying something about a mobile log, so I guess it's time to QRT before that man in the white coat gets me in the net. Seventythree till next time.....

W3uv1

OUR COVER

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of a new Communications Truck which will appear from now on at all activities of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. Negotiations with the Springfield Civil Defense Council worked out to mutual advantage with increased support for CD activities and a project for the Club. Many thanks are due to W3QQH for his active leadership in the rebuilding of the vehicle for communications use. Plans are in the mill for CD drills and other activities. Note the exterior with a complete refinishing job and the interior with several operating positions some of which are still in the making. We can look with pride upon a piece of equipment which will not only do a functional job unequalled on the Eastern Seaboard but also upon a symbol of safety and enhancement of our community - the good old USA. Many thanks are due to the Springfield Township Fathers for this recognition.

THE LATEST SCOOP: Well the year certainly came to a slam bang halt with all the nominees in there pitching for office. This is the first year we have ever had campaigning and we must say twas a lot of fun and noise. Lucky we don't have to put up with that the whole year around. The smoke filled roomers are already laying plans for next years fracas. -- Here is the lineup with first and second place voting for each office.

President: W3UWL - 25

Secretary: W3SAI - 37

W3DHJ - 22

W3CBS - 20

Vice Pres: W3DHJ - 31

Treasurer: W3DSG - 48

W3VXN - 16

W3TOZ - 12

To those of you, non voters (we have a record this year) who did not see your man win, you have only yourselves to blame. There were 75 registered voters which leaves 25 who couldn't take the time to get out and vote nor see to it that someone had your proxy. Even tho we had the best turn out we have ever had there is no excuse for not taking action. The influence of 14 votes would have put any one of three in the president's office. A lot less could have also affected the outcome. Fortunately we have a good strong crew for office but we won't thank those who didn't vote. We should have 100% out next year. --- Gad after that ear burning no self respecting citizen can stay away next year. You non voters can only redeem yourselves by becoming active and carrying a part of the load for the year. --- One of the amusing things that happened amidst W3IM's cheers was the electioneering "why I am the best man" speeches. Our program chairman sure scheduled a good program. We finally heard a few "planks" for instance - W3UWL "Philmont First", "Frequency cleanup", "Rig cleanup". W3DHJ "Do best for PMRC", "Use two heads to solve the problems", W3VXN "Keep freq. hot", "Rig construction" etc. etc. You never did hear so much baloney even at the Chicago stock yards. Each man for Pres. had 3 minutes to tell what he was going to do, and by the time the "jawing" was over the place was dripping. 'Twas lots of fun. We had 62 members and guests to witness the "noise". Money bags Ernie reports the Dinner-Dance only ran us in the hole \$ 32.47 this year. Not bad at all. We have usually subsidized by a considerably larger sum, which means next year we can pour more \$\$ into it. The intent is to put on the best show we can for the women regardless of the cost. (limits of course). Ernie also reports, after spending over \$ 200 in truck fixins, we still have middle 3 figures in the pot. We will have to figure out a way to cut it down a bit - constructively of course. ED has always been plugging for a portable voltage supply capable of running a mobile rig completely on the bench - a sort of a system checkout device which can be swapped around to the fellows who are building - changing cars - fixing etc. Cold weather puts a lot of fellows off the air. Many fellows don't have the advantage of time during the day to hang over the fender. The supply should be able to handle an assortment of voltages including 6v, 12v, 300, 500 at fairly husky amperage. --- A method of setting priorities of money expenditures was discussed at one of the midmonth meetings but wasn't carried too far. What sa - any pet projects in mind that ought to be pushed? W3IW should have something to say about that. --- W3CCB reports excellent results on his "bow tie" antenna. The bow tie was written up in Q ST Nov. issue. The cute lil gadget is a modified dipole and is only 8 ft long. It is mounted only a couple of feet from the roof and is really working the DX. Bob puts about 120 watts into it. --- W3NIP reported the club aggregate mobile score for FD. We came in 3rd place with a little over 25,000 points. The winner had 87,000. The only reason we lost was because we were beaten before we started. Everyone takes the attitude we can't do it because --- for elebenty eleben reasons, and of course that's the way it turns out- instead of deciding first we are going to win, and second-figuring a way to do it. Obviously someone has made these two decisions why can't we. ---It looks as though Ernie and money are absolutely inseparable. The following is from Sept 1956 Wireless World: "On view at the Radio Show this year will be a version of the electronic machine known as ERNIE (Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment) which is responsible for selecting the prize-winning numbers in the Government's new Premium Savings Bonds scheme" \$\$\$! ---W3QZ0 has a home made SSB rig on 75 M. Those who have been calling him a "Single SB" are now correct.--- ED is going to run a small block in this rag showing where the film is being distributed if we can get the schedulers to use the Cards.

Elec - Tro - Nic - Naks
de W3QZ0

The 6CZ5 beam power tube intended primarily for use as a vertical output tube in new TV receivers also has attractive possibilities as an audio output stage or modulator. It is a nine pin miniature tube (same size as 5763 or 6CL6). Two tubes in push-pull AB, will provide a maximum output of 21.5 watts with a plate voltage of 350 V-DC.

New-car owners NOTE:

New 12V equivalent of 2E26 is 6893. It is exactly the same as 2E26 except heater is

12.6V @ 0.1 amp. This is comparable to 12.6 sq. in. (12.6 sq. in. is reported last month.

THE CARD FILE: W3SAA hopes Santa has given W3YFV a compass and a set of road maps for the Phil-Mont area. He sure needs them judging from his trouble in finding his way around on picture assignments for the Daily News of late. --- W3UIX was elected president of SARA (Stewart Amateur Radio Assoc.) at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, N.Y. - SARA is limited to military personnel, their dependents, and civilian personnel assigned to the base. Club membership 40, 37 licensed. --- W3SAI reports - I recently had the pleasure of working W5RHW "Doc", at Fort Worth, Texas, following which I then worked his EYL W3TDM, Jan. Doc knew more about the workings of PMRC than a number of our own members; this is due to his friendship with Andy W3NL, and also because he subscribes to the Blurb. He particularly asks that W3D?G let him sign into the "10 on 10" net. He has seen the Film and in several QSO's with W3VXN has expressed his pleasure at being able to see members of Phil-Mont he reads about every month. --- W3SOB reports a QTH change to 1576 Grovania Ave. Willow Grove, Pa. --- W3SGR "doubles" the "drop dead" reported last month by ED. --- Ronnie W2ZEW is a proud papa - Helen delivered a brand new baby boy on 12/3/56 - 7 lbs, 3 1/2 oz. to be named Ronald J. Ron says he is sorry he cannot attend meetings - a letter to the new Pres. will follow. --- W3PWG reports he talked recently to K2OLK (Jim) who is headed for San Antonio, San Diego, and then to the South Pole via Navy ship to check on amateur radio operation. He sends his best to W3SAI and to PMRC. (would sure be nice to have a write up from him - Work on him John), W3UMK reports a flat tire with much assist from W3ZAS in relay of message to wife & W3VXN. --- W3VVS says a new mobiles were heard - W3EDW and W3VVV. Paul says the knocker he received from the banquet was a real gold mine - a box filled with real "floor sweepings" - and all usable parts such as resistors, condensers, tubes etc. He sez the defroster on the Truck got a workout on the way to the last midmonth at W3UMK's - sure was a rainy nite. Does anyone have an extra defrosting fan for the truck. (ED's note - we still do not have a place to park the truck fellows - it's a crime to let it stay out all winter after spending much cash on refinishing. Let's get busy and dig up a place, you characters who know where one is to be had drop this rag rite now and get on the phone -----now that you are back-go back & pick up the phone and let Spence or ED know about it! Let's get widit!) --- W3GDA says anyone interested in a 110 ft steel tower formerly used by state troopers - available for \$ 375 or lower if you are a gud talker. --- W3UMK reports crossband activity with W3HQJ & W3VVS on 10 & 6m.

Visitors at the last meeting: K4CKC - Dean, W3JIL - Al, W3ZOR - W. Kiefer, W3JFJ - Jim.
Glad to have you fellows, join us again.

This signs off this year and starts another - It has been real fun with the members of PMRC - May you all have the best of Holidays and Santa favors you all with a DX-100 and a Collins KW-1 to drive it.

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